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1. FOLLOWING REPLIES TO PARA TWO REFTEL.

2. SY/T CONSIDERS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF "ONE WAY MYLAR" TO BE MINIMAL. CONCEPT OF THIS MATERIAL IS BASED ON A LARGE LIGHT LEVEL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ONE SIDE OF THE MATERIAL AND THE OTHER. DURING DAY LIGHT HOURS, ON A BRIGHT SUNNY DAY, OCCUPANTS INSIDE A BUILDING COULD SEE OUT, BUT PEOPLE EXTERIOR TO THE BUILDING COULD PROBABLY NOT SEE IN. HOWEVER, ON CLOUDY DAYS AND AT NIGHT, SITUATION IS REVERSED. OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING COULD NOT SEE OUT, BUT DUE TO INTERIOR LIGHTS THEY WOULD BE HIGHLY VISIBLE TO PEOPLE ON THE OUTSIDE. THUS, VISUAL PROTECTION OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING WOULD VARY GREATLY, DEPENDING ON

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WEATHER, TIME OF DAY AND SO FORTH.

3. DRAPES ARE RECOMMENDED OVER THIS TYPE OF MATERIAL SINCE, WHEN DRAWN, THEY GIVE PRIVACY REGARDLESS OF RELATIVE LIGHT CONDITIONS, TIME OF DAY, ETC. ALSO, DRAPES SHOULD BE AS EFFECTIVE AS MYLAR IN PROTECTING OFFICE OCCUPANTS FROM FLYING GLASS.

4. ONE WAY MYLAR IS READILY AVAILABLE AND CAN BE INSTALLED WITH RELATIVE EASE, ALTHOUGH IT IS FAIRLY EXPENSIVE. SISCO

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